

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (previously presented) A card settlement system using a debit card comprising:
means for using a debit card having an identification number and a money withdrawal function to issue a prepaid card after the identification number of the debit card is checked to see if the debit card is forged or stolen;

means for transmitting settlement data corresponding to a price or charge to be paid by using said prepaid card from a store's bank with which a prepaid card usable store has an account to a settlement bank in which said prepaid card is issued; and

means for remitting from said settlement bank to a store's account in said store's bank on the basis of said settlement data.

Claim 2 (previously presented) The card settlement system according to Claim 1, wherein said prepaid card does not store an amount of money having a cash function but stores credit grant information indicative of a usable amount.

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended) A card settlement system using a debit card including an ATM of a settlement bank, said ATM comprising:

means for using a debit card having an identification number and a money withdrawal function to issue a prepaid card after the identification number of the debit card is checked to see if the debit card is forged or stolen;

means for inserting a prepaid card having a balance into said ATM;

means for inputting an identification number for the prepaid card; [[and]]

means for withdrawing cash using the prepaid card; and

means for ~~permitting~~ processing the withdrawal of ~~money~~ cash when said identification number of the prepaid card is proper and ~~for processing said~~ making the processed prepaid card ~~to an invalid state.~~